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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-313080, together with an English language translation of the same;

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the Notice of Reason for Rejection and its English language translation are attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

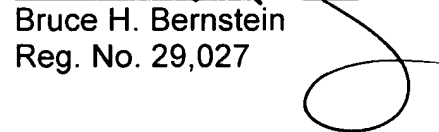
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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